

MISSOURI

Only Scovill Manufacturing Company minted both denominations. The other variety, an engraved or finely checkered map, exists only on the one mill token. The Osborne Register Company made only one mill tokens for Missouri.

The quantities manufactured by the Scovill Manufacturing Company and the Osborne Register Company are given below:

PRODUCTION OF THE ZINC ONE MILL

YEAR	SCOVILL MFG. CO.	OSBORNE REGISTER CO.	TOTAL
1937	17,602,000	1,400,000	19,002,000
1938	3,199,500	1,400,000	4,599,500
1939	12,325,300	1,400,000	13,725,300
1940	4,070,000	1,400,000	5,470,000
1941	11,840,000	1,400,000	13,240,000
1942	8,240,000	1,400,000	9,640,000
TOTAL	57,276,800	7,000,000	64,276,800

Excerpt from:

CHITS, CHISELERS, AND FUNNY MONEY

by
Michael G. Pfefferkorn
 and
Jerry F. Schimmel

Two copies each of the zinc one mill and the zinc five mills were struck in gold by the Scovill Manufacturing Company for presentation sets. The gold tokens were received by Forrest Smith, State Auditor, and G. H. Bates, Director of Sales Tax. A third gold one mill was acquired by Eric P. Newman, who subsequently lost it in a burglary October 11, 1964. A fourth specimen of the gold one mill has been reported but as yet has not been verified.

The 1937 Act also forbade the use of a sales tax by cities, towns, or villages; therefore, no sales tax tokens were issued locally as had been the case in the neighboring state of Illinois.

The legislatures of 1939 and 1941 reenacted the sales tax law of their respective predecessors and did not alter the provisions which related to the sales tax tokens. Each of the legislatures provided \$100,000 for the purchase of

The Missing Missouri Gold Sales Tax Tokens

In 1937, the Scovill Mfg. Co. presented gold One and Five Mill Missouri Sales Tax Tokens to Director of Sales Tax George H. Bates and State Auditor Forrest Smith, in recognition of Scovill being chosen as the manufacturer of the new Missouri zinc tokens.

They'd look like this, only gold.



No one has seen one since 1964. Here's what I know:

A One Mill example was reportedly stolen from noted numismatist Eric P. Newman on Oct. 11, 1964, and was never recovered.

Forrest Smith died in 1962; G.H. Bates died in 1978. Smith had 2 daughters; Bates had 2 sons and a daughter.

The archivist at Scovill shows no record of the event. So far, I have found no records of them at the ANA library or the Missouri Archives.

If you have any information that could lead to the whereabouts of these gold sales tax tokens, please contact me.

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Fwd: Numismatic question for Mr. Newman

1 message

Tom Serfass [REDACTED]

Thu, Jan 1, 2015 at 11:00 AM

To: ericnumis@aol.com, "[REDACTED]"

Hi Eric, I will follow up with you to see if we can help this gentleman. Thanks
Tom

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: Kevin Barnett [REDACTED]
Date: December 30, 2014 at 4:10:19 PM CST
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: Numismatic question for Mr. Newman
Reply-To: Kevin Barnett [REDACTED]

Mr. Serfass:

Thank you for your time on the phone today.

Please see attached some info on what I'm researching. The only written reference I currently have comes from "Chits, Chiselers and Funny Money" by Pfefferkorn and Schimmel.

The questions I would like to ask Mr. Newman are these:

- 1) Were the ones he owned from Mr. Bates or Mr. Smith, or from Scovill, or other?
- 2) Does he believe the heirs of either Mr. Bates or Mr. Smith might still have the original presentation sets?
- 3) Any other comments or observations on their existence or whereabouts.

Any information that could help me locate these would be much appreciated.

Thank you sincerely for your assistance on this.

Sincerely,
Kevin Barnett
Eureka, MO
ANA # 175371
SLNA #1595 (Board member 1995- 2011)

"It's supposed to be hard! If it wasn't hard, everyone could do it. It's the 'hard' that makes it great."

-Manager Jimmy Dugan (Tom Hanks) "A League of Their Own"

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